## --- 1/16th Pound - "Series of 1883" - Recess printed in black ink ---

**--- with the 54 mm "British American Bank Note Co. Montreal" sheet imprint ---**

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John McKay records that 195,000 copies of "1-16th Black, '83, Tobacco", *recess printed* by hand press were 'Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886).

John McKay further reports that 288,590 copies of "1-16 lb. Black, Tobacco", *recess printed* by hand press, plus 584,000 copies, *recess printed* by rotary press, were 'Delivered' under the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892). This was his final listing for the strip.

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| **3rd BABN Contract** - October 22nd 1878 | 195,000 recess (hand press) | **000001** to **195000** |
| **4th BABN Contract** - October 22nd 1886 | 288,590 recess (hand press) | **195001** to **483590** |
| | 584,000 recess (rotary press) | **483591** to 1-**067590** |
| | 1,067,590 | |

Note: BABN *does not* record the one million prefix, but restarts the control sequence at **999999** with **000001**.

It is probable that all of the *hand press* strips were printed as a single 483,590 strip batch under the **3rd BABN Contract**.

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Recess printed by hand press
On vertical mesh wove paper

150 mm. design

Recess printed by rotary press
on horizontal mesh wove paper

153 mm. design

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The catalogue lists the *recess printed* Series of 1883 black 1/16th pound strips, with a "Montreal" sheet imprint, as follows:

**RP-437** - 1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, on vertical mesh wove - 150 x 14 mm
**RP-438 -** 1/16th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove - 153 x 14 mm.

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**RP-437n** - 1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, without control numbering,
Recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper - probably from the 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)

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**--- Recess printed by hand press - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---**

**--- RP-437 - perforated 12 - 4 mm blue controls - 150 x 14 mm - scanned at 100% scale ---**

**RP-437** - 1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, with 4 mm. blue control **221498**

**RP-437** - 1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, with 4 mm. control **315046**

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| **221481** | RP-437 | 1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper |
| **221498**★ | RP-437 | 1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper |
| **221543** | RP-437 | 1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper |
| **221611** | RP-437 | 1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper |
| **221723** | RP-437 | 1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper |
| **221738** | RP-437 | 1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper |
| **222190** | RP-437 | 1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper |
| **222837** | RP-437 | 1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper |
| **222840** | RP-437 | 1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper |
| **222845** | RP-437 | 1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper |
| **315039** | RP-437 | 1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper |
| **315051** | RP-437 | 1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper |
| **315046**★ | RP-437 | 1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper, Top of sheet inscription copy |
| **315098** | RP-437 | 1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper |
| **315112** | RP-437 | 1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper |
| **315115** | RP-437 | 1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper |
| **315143** | RP-437 | 1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper |
| **315151-80** | RP-437 | 1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper, Full sheet of thirty strips (2 x 15) |
| **315451** | RP-437 | 1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper |
| **313544** | RP-437 | 1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper, Roller cancelled **TOBACCO** / **1-31** |

**--- Recess printed by rotary press - 4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) ---**

**--- RP-438 - *coarse roulette* - 4 mm blue controls - 153 x 14 mm - scanned at 100% scale ---**

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It would seem to me that the 153 mm. strips were printed on *horizontal* mesh wove paper by rotary press. The shorter 150 mm. strips were printed on *vertical* mesh paper by hand press.

**RP-438** - 1/16th pound, black, coarse roulette, with 4 mm. control **495543** - stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic

**RP-438** - 1/16th pound, black, coarse roulette, with 4 mm. control **495547**

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| **468188** | RP-438 | 1/16th pound, black, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove |
| **495505** | RP-438 | 1/16th pound, black, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove, Stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic - a suspect CP |
| **495507** | RP-438 | 1/16th pound, black, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove |
| **495543★** | RP-438 | 1/16th pound, black, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove, Stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic - a suspect CP |
| **495547★** | RP-438 | 1/16th pound, black, coarse roulette, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove |

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**--- Recess printed by hand press - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---**

**--- perforated 12 - 4 mm *violet controls* - 150 x 14 mm - scanned at 100% scale ---**

All of the stamps (bearing 4 mm. Gothic ***purple control numbers***) seem to come from the "Series of 1883". In a similar parallel, all of the stamps (bearing the Lee Brandom 5 mm. Roman ***light blue controls***) seem to come from 1880-81. I feel that these were prepared by BABN for Philatelic Exhibitions in 1880-81, and in the mid-1880's. Only a few examples can be found on *block watermarked* paper which indicates that they were from 1886 or later. Possibly they were prepared as presentation copies sent to noted philatelists. There are a couple dozen examples in the collection most of which came from the "Ferrari" collection purchased from Erling van Dam. None of the stamps in the "Ferrari" collection dated from later then 1900.

1/16th pound, black, perforated 12, with purple 4 mm. Gothic control **23941**,
Recess printed on vertical mesh wove paper

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